GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

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SALE OF MULTI UTILITY VEHICLES
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sale of Multi Utility Vehicles (M.U.V.) is higher in comparison to conventional vehicles in rural and semi-urban regions of the country;

(b) if so, whether road conditions in such areas are most conducive to use of such MUVs;

(c) if so, whether fiscal incentives are being envisaged or provided to this sector for both indigenously manufactured vehicles as well as imported vehicles of this category; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b): As per the information received from the Society of Indian automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), the sale of Multi-Utility Vehicles (MUVs) is higher as compared to conventional vehicles in rural and semi-urban regions of the country. MUVs do have certain design advantages over conventional vehicles for running on rural roads and rough terrains.

(c) & (d): Auto Policy of the Government contemplates fiscal incentives for MUVs due to their being an economical mode of transport.